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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7380

BILL NUMBER: HB 1538

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 7, 2009

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Supplemental Teaching Materials.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Noe

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that a school committee of teachers and parents may make recommendations to a governing body for supplemental materials to be used in the classroom to encourage students to develop critical thinking skills regarding controversial issues. It provides that supplemental teaching materials are eligible for reimbursement in the same manner as developmentally appropriate materials.

Effective Date: July 1, 2009.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The supplemental materials approved by a school committee of teachers and parents would be eligible state textbook reimbursement funding. The state textbook reimbursement provides funding for textbooks and related material for student that are eligible to receive free or reduced lunch from schools.

The appropriation for textbook reimbursement for FY 2009 is \$39 M. The state was able to reimburse about 97.6% of the allowable textbook reimbursement in FY 2008. The impact would depend on the cost of supplemental materials school committees might adopt. If the additional materials caused the reimbursable costs to exceed the appropriation then the distribution would be reduced to the appropriation amount.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Schools would be allowed to included supplemental materials approved by a school committee of teachers and parents in the school's textbook rental fees. The amount of the increase would depend on the cost of the supplemental materials committee might approve.

School also received textbook reimbursement from the state for students that are eligible for free or reduced lunch. Schools are not allowed to require parents of students who are eligible for free or reduced lunch to pay textbook rental fees. If the state does not provide 100% reimburse of textbook cost then school can levy the difference in the allowable state reimbursement and actual reimbursement for the school debt service fund the following year.

School spend between \$83 - \$110 M from the Textbook Rental Fund annually.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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